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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

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For: NOVEL PEPTIDES FOR USE IN IMMUNOTHERAPY OF AUTOIMMUNE
DISEASES

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

January 22, 2001

Sir:

Prior to the calculation of the fee in the above-identified application, please make the following amendments:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

2. (amended) Peptide [according to claim 1] having an amino acid sequence of 13-55 amino acid residues comprising the amino acid sequence HSFTLASAETTVG (SEQ ID NO:2).

A1 3. (amended) Peptide according to claim 1 [or 2] having an amino acid sequence of [up] 9 to 25 amino acid residues.

4. (amended) Peptide according to claim 1 [or 2] having the amino acid sequence FTLASAETT (SEQ ID NO:1) or HSFTLASAETTVG (SEQ ID NO:2).

Please cancel claim 5 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof.